

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION

TIMOTHY JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA WRIGHT, et al.,

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-00033-ALM

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**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION
TO WITHDRAW AND SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL**

TO THE HONORABLE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE AMOS L. MAZZANT:

Defendants¹ file this Unopposed Motion to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel, respectfully showing the Court as follows:

Assistant Attorney General Benjamin S. Walton is currently the Lead Attorney of record for Defendants. Good cause exists for Mr. Walton's withdrawal from representing Defendants, as Mr. Walton has accepted employment outside the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

This case has been administratively reassigned to Assistant Attorney General William Farrell, to serve as the Lead Attorney for Defendants. Mr. Farrell's contact information is contained in the signature block below. Assistant Attorney General Mary B. Quimby will remain

¹ Defendants include the following: Laura Wright, Milton B. Lee, Melisa Denis, Mary Denny (deceased), Daniel Feehan, A.K. Mago, Carlos Munguia, and G. Brint Ryan, all in their official capacities as members of the Board of Regents for the University of North Texas System ("Board Defendants"); and Rachel Gain, Ellen Bakulina, Andrew Chung, Diego Cubero, Steven Friedson, Rebecca Dowd Geoffroy-Schwinden, Benjamin Graf, Frank Heidlberger, Bernardo Illari, Justin Lavacek, Peter Mondelli, Margaret Notley, April L. Prince, Cathy Ragland, Gillian Robertson, Hendrik Schulze, Vivek Virani, and Brian F. Wright ("Individual Defendants").

as additional counsel of record for Defendants. Counsel for Defendants has communicated with counsel for Plaintiff regarding the requested withdrawal and substitution, and Plaintiff is unopposed.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that Mr. Walton be permitted to withdraw as counsel for Defendants in this matter, and that Mr. Farrell be substituted as the new Lead Attorney representing Defendants.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Local Rule CV-7(i), I hereby certify I have complied with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h). Specifically, I certify that on February 5, 2025, I communicated with Michael Allen, counsel for Plaintiff, regarding the relief requested in this motion, and Mr. Allen informed me that Plaintiff is unopposed.

/s/ Benjamin S. Walton
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 7, 2025, a true and correct copy of this document was electronically filed using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following counsel of record:

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